

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1652**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gjalt W. Huisman, Laura Z. Luo and Oliver P. Peoples

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For: *MICROBIAL STRAINS AND PROCESSES FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF
BIOMATERIALS*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed on December 7, 2006, and the telephone interview on March 20, 2007, please amend the application as follows. Enclosed with this amendment and response is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for response for one month, to and including April 7, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$120.00, the fee for a Petition for Extension of Time for a large entity, to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.